

LATEST REPORTS AND  
TIMELY COMMENT"JIM" CROWLEY  
ATHLETIC MARVEL  
OF 1908 SEASON

Winner of Yonkers Marathon America's Leading Candidate for Next Olympic Event at Greece

"WORK! Sittin' down to a job and drawin' me pay—d'ye call that work?"

"Jim" Crowley, the greatest athlete developed in America in 1908, typified his whole personality in the remark. "Running twenty-six miles? Yes," said he, "that's work, but not very hard. Sure, I can do better than I have ever done."

"Don't say a word," continued Crowley, confidentially. "As the fellow says, I used to carry the hod. But at that I only carried the bricks. Another man had to lay 'em. But once I got to running my legs took the hod off me back and put me feet under a desk. And now I can draw me pay without even taking me coat off."

"Jim" Crowley is more than the

PADDY SULLIVAN  
BEATS GANNON  
IN FAST FIGHT

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Paddy Sullivan, of Brooklyn, proved a sensation at the matinee of the National A. C. yesterday when he scored a decisive victory over Mickey Gannon, of Pittsburgh. The latter has a long string of knockouts to his credit, and it was thought by the crowd of 4,200 spectators that he would add Brooklynite to his list. Sullivan, though, soon showed the crowd that he was on to Mickey's style, and throughout the fight Gannon was unable, except on rare occasions, to work his famous left swing into his opponent's body when the men were in a half clinch.

In the fourth round Sullivan caused the crowd to let out a whoop by sending Gannon to the floor for the count with a right swing on the jaw. When Mickey got up they mixed it up in savage style. After that Sullivan grew more confident, and in the last two rounds he landed out two blows for every one he received, and at the finish he had the better of the bout by a good margin.

Tommy Sullivan, of Lawrence, also expected to hand a knockout punch to Harry Mansfield, of England. The latter, however, took Tommy's blows without wincing, and he was on his feet in good shape at the end of the fight. Sullivan, who had the bout, scored a knockdown in the first round, but after that his swings had no effect on the lad from England.

Top Notch Fighters Had  
Hard Time During 1908

Six Champions Suffered Defeat, Two of Them Losing Their Titles.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

THE year of 1908 has certainly been a disastrous one for champions of the prize ring, as six of them were defeated in fights, two of them losing their titles as a result of their defeats. The champion who rendered the saddest verdict against them were Billy "Honey" Melody, who was knocked out by Harris Lewis; Joe Gans, who lost his title to Battling Nelson; Stanley Ketchel, who was beaten by Billy Papke and later turned the tables on his opponent; Abe Attell, who lost a decision to Freddie Welsh; and Tommy Burns, who was put away by Jack Johnson last night. Johnny Coulton, the bantam-weight champion, managed to go through the year without losing a decision.

New that Jack Johnson is the world's champion the chances are that he will receive all sorts of flattering offers to meet the winner of the 48-round battle between Alf Kaufmann and Jim Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, which takes place at the Jefferson A. C. of Los Angeles, Cal., next Wednesday night. Jack Johnson, who has been held by the big fellow again, has aroused the ire of his fellow fighters, and he is claiming he will not referee the Kaufmann-Barry fight on Dec. 30. Charley Eylon, the official referee of the club, will judge the little instead.

"Young Corbett," who is slated to fight "Cyclone Johnny" Thompson in a 20-round bout at the West End Athletic Club, of this city on Jan. 14, has accepted terms from the matchmaker of the Knickerbocker A. C., of Albany, N. Y., to fight for ten rounds at a show to be held by the club the last day of next month. Corbett is working hard for both bouts and expects to win them.

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If Tommy Murphy is successful in beating Frankie Madden in their ten-round bout at the club on New Year's night, Johnny White, manager of the club, intends to send for Zack McArdle to come here and meet Murphy in a ten-round battle at one of the stages to be held by the club the last day of next month. If McArdle does not take the bout Leach Corbett will be substituted for him.

Walter Forester, the sporting man of Chicago, and manager of Hugo Kelly, the Italian middle-weight fighter, has wired Jim Jeffries, the fight promoter, of California, to claim that he will not referee the Kaufmann-Barry fight on Dec. 30. Charley Eylon, the official referee of the club, will judge the little instead.

TITLE HOLDERS IN  
PUGILISTIC WORLD  
AT PRESENT TIME.

Heavyweight—Jack Johnson, of Galveston, Texas.  
Light Heavyweight—Tommy Burns, of Vancouver, Canada.  
Middleweight—Stanley Ketchel, of Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Welterweight—No real holder at present. Claimed by Harry Lewis, Jimmy Gardner and Mike "Twins" Sullivan.  
Lightweight—Battling Nelson, of Keokuk, Ill.  
Featherweight—Abe Attell, of San Francisco.  
Bantamweight—105 pounds—Johnny Coulton, of Chicago.

rounds by Ketchel a few months ago, and since that time Kelly has been anxious to get on another battle with him.

Abe Attell, the feather-weight champion, who is training at New Orleans for his ten round bout with Biz Mackey, of Cincinnati, which takes place before the Southern A. C. of New Orleans, on Monday night, has finally consented to take on Jim Driscoll in a fight for the feather-weight championship title. Abe announced last night that he would meet Driscoll at 124 pounds before the club that offers the largest purse.

A difference of three hours in the weighing-in time is the only thing that stands in the way of a match being arranged between Jim Driscoll and Tommy O'Toole, the sturdy Quaker City featherweight. Charley Eylon, who is slated to referee the bout, says that if they can come to terms the fight will be held at 124 pounds before the National A. C. of Philadelphia the early part of next month.

Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight, is going to England after his ten-round bout with George Mennis at the Pacific A. C. of Los Angeles, Cal., on Monday night. He is going to fight the winner of the fight between Stanley Ketchel and Billy Papke at the British National Sporting Club of London on Feb. 1. Welsh is the early part of next month.

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Dougherty and Reardon Draw.  
(Special to The Evening World.)  
WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 25.—At the opening show of the Wilmington A. C., at Brandywine Springs yesterday, Johnny Dougherty and Jack Reardon, of Philadelphia, fought ten rounds to a draw. Several times Dougherty attacked and fought back like a demon. Reardon forced the fighting in the final round and a mix-up followed that caused the one thousand spectators to cheer lustily.

## NEWS OF ALL BRANCHES OF SPORT

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## JIM CROWLEY, THE STAR ATHLETE OF 1908



CROWLEY POSED FOR START. CROWLEY SHOWING HIS STRIDE.

"SPARROW'S NEST" IS MEETING PLACE  
FOR CHAMPION ATHLETES OF THE WORLD

Little Coop Is Daily Rendezvous of Sheridan, Sheppard, Hertberg and Other World Famous Athletes.

BY DAN M'KETTRICK.  
DID you ever hear of "Sparrow's Nest"? No. Then you are not one of the regulars, for every athlete—champion and prospective champion—has swapped tales of the cinder path, field, ice and prize ring sport in that roost.

The "coop," as it is termed by some, is Billy "Sparrow" Robertson's workshop, up next the rafters at No. 1 Beekman street. The hours of the morning are devoted to work, but from noon on the daily session is in order, and any afternoon that there are not only the stars of the athletic world, but many famous flycates of the present and day's gone by.

"Sparrow" has sent out invitations this week which bear the inscription at the top, "Home Week." Refreshments are in order and some of the well-known athletes that were present yesterday were Martin Sheridan, Ernie Hertberg, Melville Sheppard, George Underwood, Jack Hemmett, Johnny Oliver, Tom Sharkey, Harry Hillman, Bernie Wefers, Willie Lewis, Joe Jeannette and a score of others.

Made Gloves for Corbett.  
Lewis and Jeannette were ordering gloves to take to Paris when "Sparrow," turning to Lewis, remarked: "I made the gloves for Jim Corbett that he fought all his famous battles with. Corbett, you will admit, was a past master as far as science goes, and he could punch as hard as any of them with his left hand."

"What was the matter with his right that he seldom scored any knockouts?" asked Lewis.

"Well, Jim is out of the game now, and I don't suppose he would object to my telling you why he could not punch with his right hand, but as a matter of fact, he has a crippled finger. It is the second finger, and it formed a hook. He could not close it with the rest, and he had to make a pad inside the glove for him to get a grip on. I don't suppose that has ever been mentioned before, but that was why James J. did not pack a sleep pill," answered Robertson.

The talk drifted to other matters and the Marathon race craze finally was under discussion.

"Crowley is the baby of 'em all," remarked Sheridan.

"I wish I could go the distance, and there was no opponent for the Red and white," said Crowley.

NITCHIE KNOCKS OUT  
CLEVER HARRY BAKER.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Harry Baker was knocked out by Nitchie yesterday at the Nonpareil A. C. in the fourth round. In the fourth round there was a terrific exchange of rights and lefts to the body. Then Nitchie, shifting, sent a hard right to the jaw, and Baker went down. He got up dazed, and before he could get going Nitchie rushed at him, landing with right and left to jaw. It was all over, as the referee stayed down for longer than the count.

"YOUNG DONOHUE" STOPS  
MOWATT IN THIRD ROUND.  
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 25.—Tommy Mowatt, of Chicago, was knocked out in the third round last night by "Young Donohue," of Boston, at the stag before the Royal A. C. The Boston fighter was the aggressor from the sound of the going. Before he had been in action three rounds Donohue closed his opponent with a terrific right swing, and Mowatt was down.

"Olympic Race Cost Three  
Years of My Life," Declares  
Sheppard, Champion Runner

This game is not what it is cracked up to be. I have had my fill of it. The race in London took three years off my life. Never again do I want to experience the sensations and agonies I endured in that race. I feel like quitting more than once, and the only thing that held me was the thought that I was running for America against the world and the other fellows were up against it as much as I was. If I did not like the sport I would quit it at once. The medal-chasing has no attractions for me.—Statement to The Evening World by Mel Sheppard, champion runner of the world.

story told by Sheridan is worth repeating: "I was practicing with the hammer on the Pastime Grounds with my brother Dick and John Flanagan one day when they brought out the discus. This produced a laugh all around, and when they brought out the discus I said, 'Would you turn 'pro,' Mel?' asked Hertberg.

"In a minute if I could run a Marathon on a par with my regular stunt, I would gather in the shekels instantly," replied the Peerless One.

Took Three Years Off Life.  
"I have had my fill of athletics, and I want to tell you boys now that the 1500 metre race in London took three years off my life. I stick to the game because I like it and not for the medal chasing," continued Sheppard.

"I don't think, Shep, that you have ever been put to your full test," said Hertberg.

"Sure he does," remarked Sheridan. "For he knows there isn't a chance of the A. U. registering his name. He is the soft going of the track and I'll run against a half and guarantee to beat him."

"Stop kidding, Shep, you don't mean it," said Wefers.

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Wizard Schaefer Comes Back  
From Grave to Play Again

Old Champion Recovers to Defend Title After Doctors Give Him Up.

DID you ever hear of a man being brought back from the edge of the grave to defend his championship honors? Well, Jake Schaefer is the man and his case is one of the most remarkable in sporting history.

Four months ago friends of this veteran billiardist carried Schaefer to the train in Chicago and tearfully bade him farewell, sincerely believing that, while the climate of Colorado might prolong his life for a time, he was taking a roundabout way to the cemetery. Schaefer then weighed only ninety-two pounds, and his physicians said he never would recover his previous good health. Good nursing and care, combined with grit and determination to get well, have worked wonders, for Schaefer, who now weighs 130 pounds, expects in a few weeks to begin practice at his old game of 181 balling. His old stomach trouble has almost disappeared, and Schaefer declares that he feels as well as ever before in his life.

And the most interesting fact in this story is that all through his sickness Schaefer had one thought uppermost in his mind, that being to wrest from George Sutton the 181 world's championship emblem, taken from him by default because of his sickness, which came on last spring right after the match was made.

Sutton has since been matched to play George Slosson for the emblem in this city, Jan. 26, but yesterday Schaefer sent a challenge to the winner.

PIN BOYS' TOURNAMENT.  
The bowling tournament for the Italian pin boys for the Greater New York championship, which was such a great success last season, will be re-entrained in January, with a larger entry list. Some of these boys are expert bowlers, and in the former competition they were able to roll over 200 pins for ten or more games. This year the boys will roll afternoons in a round robin series at each alley represented, each series being the best six out of eleven games. Entries to date have been made by Tony Chausse, of Seneca Park Circle; J. Spinella, Grand Central; A. Bonaldi, Nonpareil; F. Ferro, Bedford Rest; J. Sullivan, Place; and Phil Spinella, Park Row alleys.

Roller Perfect Score.  
C. A. Stewart, one of the well known bowlers at the Superba alleys, Brooklyn, rolled a perfect score game of 300 pins while rolling in an open game yesterday. It was about 10 o'clock when he rolled the perfect score, and he was rolling on the alleys, and Fred Moschowitz hadn't got there. Every man went home with a Christmas bottle.

The Commerce team does not anticipate much trouble from the Flushing boys in today's game. The Orange and Blue clubs of the Flushing boys are to meet, and are not a very strong aggregation and they will probably only play part of the game as he hand, which was injured in the Commerce game last week, is not yet in good shape.

With the victory of P. S. 19 of Manhattan on the 22nd of December, the championship of the two boroughs in the Elementary School League have been picked. P. S. 42 of the Bronx holds the title in that borough. There will be a hot fight when the Manhattan and Bronx champions come together. Both teams are strong and have considerable knowledge of the fine points of the game. P. S. 42 team is composed of Carr, Schmitt, Smith, and Frank, while the Manhattan team is composed of Carr, Schmitt, Smith, and Frank.

BOWLERS TO FORM  
A NATIONAL BODY  
TO CONTROL SPORT

Central Organization With National Commission Similar to Baseball Is the Plan Now Outlined.

HOW to establish bowling upon the well-organized lines of baseball is a question thinking men in the tenpin game are trying to decide. The growth of bowling in America during the last decade has been greater than that in any other sport, either in or out of doors, baseball furnishing the only comparison. The two are kindred sports, connecting the winter and summer seasons, and both draw largely from the same class of patrons.

Unfortunately mistakes, due largely to sectional jealousy, caused a split between Eastern and Western bowlers in the American Bowling Congress, organized in New York, but later dominated by Chicago and Western pin knights, and for a time it looked as though the bowlers would never be united. About two years ago the Western bowlers broke up a political office-holding faction in this organization, which is now upon the best footing it has ever known. The split between East and West also caused the bowlers in this section to organize the National Bowling Association, which holds its third annual tournament in Madison Square Garden in May, hanging up a prize list of \$50,000, the largest money ever given for an event of this nature. The A. B. C. has its annual tourney in Duquesne Gardens, Pittsburgh, in February.

It is probably the only year when two great tournaments of this kind can be successfully held, as the two holding cities make it possible for some of the bowlers to attend both. It is the problem of how to successfully organize one of the great central bodies of governing power which can harmonize all sections in one big national tournament, and bring about a uniform system of rules. Amateurs Must Control.

It is of the most vital importance to the welfare of the game that the bowlers who represent the amateur interest should be absolutely controlled. Any ally owner will tell you that it is the professional bowler who is the real danger to the game. The bowlers are being dependent upon them rather than vice versa, as they have hitherto been. All these interests are to be encouraged and harmonized, but in any form of sport it has been found that where professional and financial (and the words in this case are synonymous) interests dominate the amateur interest is bound to be the demoralized bow-wow.

It is right at this point that the place for a national commission composed of five men representing all sections is now a timely topic. For this commission the name of Garry Herrmann has been proposed, and named with great approval. It was the selection of Mr. Herrmann that the affairs of the A. B. C. of which he is president, have been placed in a bad footing, and his work as chairman of the National Baseball Commission has been a great help to the game.

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